

Hakata Imperial Hotel

Fukuoka, Japan

Dear Jim —

Our first 2 weeks in Japan haven't dampened our enthusiasm, though we have had a rather rushed time of it, and not enough at any one place to talk out all the things we had to discuss with our colleagues — there was usually just enough to get warmed up. But at least in Tokyo between we will have a decent interval.

We've just come down from Hiroshima, and I must say I was disappointed in the scope (if any) of the genetic work going in. I don't mean so much the question of radiation effect, though this cannot be overlooked, as the opportunity for a biological study of the sample of 100,000 people that are being worked over.

But the records, as usual, would make it very difficult to know what the kinships are and the obvious advantages, e.g., of sib-pair controls as the individual questions are not exploited. Perhaps I did not get to see the right people at the right time! Has the program just started?

Cytogenetics of all things certainly ought to be pushed harder. I did not realize until I started to ask some questions as to the incidence of mosaicism how messy the whole business of the statistics on cytogenetic anomalies has been at ABCC. But there should be many opportunities still. I hope to see Matsumaya at Misima, and perhaps he will be more encouraging.

Have you and Kimura been able to come to any conclusions about visiting plans for next year? I am sure that Carlson would be especially keen to hear what you have decided, and if you can answer me @ Stanford, my secretary will see the word is passed.

Our best to

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